

County Library Board Meeting
July 10, 2008

The meeting came to order at 10:03 am with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; trustees, Gary Forney and Pat Bradley; Commissioners, Jim Hart and Marilyn Ross; Vigilance Club President, Jon Scott and Vigilance Club member, John Hamilton; and Director, Joanne Erdall all present. Trustee, Donna Ohs was absent.

The minutes of the May 7th meeting were read. A correction was made to reflect the extra help line item as 112 instead of 212. A motion to accept the minutes with this correction was made by Forney and seconded by Brendel. There wasn't a June meeting.

We moved the talk about buildings for the start of the meeting to accommodate those present. The commissioners had met with the Vigilance Club members prior to this meeting to see if they would be interested in joining together with the Library Board to assist in writing grants to fix the Virginia City schoolhouse and thereby moving the museum to that building. They offered to have the county grant writer assist. Hart shared three different plan scenarios and the costs: #1- \$932,000 to make the schoolhouse habitable; #2- \$70,000 to make it suitable for storage; or #3- \$900,000 to demolish it. Discussions followed. Forney said that he felt that we all should be putting our energy into the repairs of this buildings foundation as first priority and then into the planned addition. It was mentioned that we still have a capital improvement plan for repairs to the library and we've never had the funding to fix (carpet, lighting, bathroom) any of it. We would be spending almost \$5000 just to have Great West Engineers draw up the plans and scope of work detail to install the french drain to save the foundation of this building out of our library budget. Erdall asked Hart how we were to pay for the work itself and how much would it cost? Hart and Ross didn't remember the cost estimates, but guessed it would have to come from the general fund. Bradley offered to help write a grant. Forney thought it was much too late to seek grants for a project with a September start date. Setting up the library depreciation fund was another avenue to take to start setting aside money for future needs.

Erdall reminded everyone that historical architect; Jim MacDonald would meet with us on July 30th at 10:00 am to discuss possibilities of an addition to the library. Everyone was invited.

At this time the Vigilance Club members and Commissioner, Marilyn Ross left.

Erdall went over each line item of the fiscal year end report. Discussions entailed during the new fiscal budget report. Bradley questioned the need for an emergency fill in position. We re-discussed our talks on this matter of the April meeting of which Bradley was absent. It was decided that a motion should be made to reflect those discussions. Forney moved that an amount not to exceed \$2000 be budgeted in the extra help line item for a no benefits, part-time/emergency position at \$10.00 an hour with a second from Brendel. Three in favor, one opposed. Motion carried.

The email Bradley sent before the meeting concerning an agenda request for time sheets, sick leave and vacation leave discussions and the misunderstandings caused was held. Erdall would present time sheets at the next meeting.

The Clerk and Recorder's office replaced an old microfilm printer/reader and offered it to our library. A motion to accept this gift was made by Forney with a second from Bradley. All voted yes. Motion carried. Erdall would make arrangements to get it here.

The next meeting was set for August 14th.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:38.